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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant requests the Examiner insert the following claims prior to the examination of the Patent Application.

Below is a listing of the existing claims (Claims 1-7) and the additional claims (Claims 8-13).

Claims: Clean Version.

1. A method for treating arthritis in mammals by administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising:
 - a) an inhibitor of nitric oxide synthase, and
 - b) an aminosugar.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said aminosugar in the composition is selected from the group consisting of: glucosamine, glucosamine hydrochloride, glucosamine sulfate, N-acetylglucosamine and mixtures thereof.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the composition optionally contains additional agents selected from the group consisting of: glycosaminoglycans, vitamin A, vitamin B, vitamin E, selenium,